

The push by Sinclair Broadcasting to coerce their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary just prior to the election represents the perfidious danger of media concentration in the hands of too few corporations.

Abusing its free use of the public airwaves free of charge, Sinclair violates its lawful obligation to serve the public interest. It is regrettable that when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. It denies the American public of access to greater grassroots diversity in presenting information that is both nationally and locally relevant without a corporate agenda censoring or slanting the news.

This outrageous action by Sinclair shows that we need to restore media ownership rules, not weaken them. This is a clarion call for a more stringent license renewal process that needs to involve a close examination of ownership performance in providing unbiased service to the public in a responsible and fair manner. Thank you.